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Environmental Management System Implementation Policy

The mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Research and Development (ORD) is to perform state-of-the-art research to identify, understand, and solve current and future environmental problems, provide responsive technical support to EPA's mission, integrate the work of ORD's scientific partners (other agencies, nations, private sector organizations, and academia), provide leadership in addressing emerging environmental issues, and advance the science and technology of risk assessment and risk management.

The ORD continues to encourage and set an example of research and development activities which use effective environmental managements systems (EMS) that focus on regulatory compliance, pollution prevention, resource preservation, and public outreach. With this policy, the National Risk Management Research Laboratory-Ground Water and Ecosystems Restoration Division (NRMRL/GWERD) in Ada, Oklahoma joins other ORD sites in committing to implement an EMS for our own employees, operations, and facilities.

At ORD/NRMRL/GWERD, we commit to reduce the environmental impacts and consumption of natural resources from our facility operations and comply with legal and applicable requirements. Our environmental management system will be designed to meet the following goals:

- ensure compliance by meeting applicable environmental requirements while conducting research activities;
- strive to continuously improve environmental performance;
- integrate source reduction and other pollution prevention approaches into day to day research activities;
- consider the environmental impact in planning, purchasing and operating decisions;
- establish, track and review specific environmental performance goals and employee awareness; and
- share performance information with our research partners and other parties.

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